

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Purpose:** The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) provides trained and equipped Army and Air National Guardsmen to assist with incident, emergency or disaster operations at the call of the Governor; provides assistance to all veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries and provides for the development of a comprehensive emergency management program.

**Authorities:** MCA - Title 10: Chapter 1, Parts 101 – 806; Chapter 2, Parts 101 – 703 and **Title 3**, Parts 101 – 1218.

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

#### **Army & Air National Guard Divisions**

- Detail personnel to assist with SECC functions. *[Coordination]*
- Provide equipment and personnel to assist local, state and federal law enforcement. *[Public Health/Safety – Safety]*
- Provide limited facility access for temporary sheltering. *[Individual Assistance – Shelter/Immediate Needs]*
- Provide personnel and equipment to transport supplies and equipment. *[Coordination]*
- Act as a secondary means for other designated or primary forms of communication using secure systems, high frequency and military radio networks. *[Communications]*
- Coordinates qualified Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) personnel and equipment to dispose of military explosive ordinances. *[Public Health/Safety – Safety]*
- Provide technical expertise to local or tribal jurisdictions with regard to explosives. *[Public Health/Safety – Safety & Technical Assistance]*
- Provide limited medical support. *[Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary]*
- Provide personnel and equipment for wild land fire suppression. *[Fire]*
- Provide assistance to state institutions. *[Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary and Safety]*

#### **Disaster & Emergency Services Division**

See the DES annex in Section IV – Roles & Responsibilities.

#### **Veterans Affairs Division**

- Assist Montana Veterans, surviving spouses and dependents in obtaining state and federal veterans' benefits. *[Human Service Programs]*

### **Centralized Service Division**

- Provide guidance on pay benefits and procurement policies upon activation of Army and Air National Guard. [*Coordination - Financial Management*]
- Establish and enforce strict federal or state accounting interface policies. [*Coordination - Financial Management*]
- Ensure systems are in place to receive and distribute federal disaster funds. [*Coordination - Financial Management*]